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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Discussion [redacted] re Geographic Research and IMP
Elements of ORI Program Plans, FY 1969-73

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[redacted] I met [redacted] to clarify the Trends
and Alternative picture relative to the Program Plan of Geography
Division. The following represents the agreed conclusions:

1. Geographic Research is subject to the require-
ments of other offices and difficult to quantify in
advance. *new assessment* 25X1A9a
2. The amount of Geographic Research has been limited
by the expenditure of manpower needed for the IMP.
3. Ideally, based upon our best judgment, an increase
of about 10 man-years is required to fulfill current re-
quirements.
4. In the absence of that increase, it is necessary
to curtail geographic research support to operations *and self-initiated studies.*
5. If there were further cuts, a more drastic cur-
tailment of operational support would be required. Moreover,
most of the branches (those not involved in IMP) are now at
a minimum viable level.
6. The 3 man-year shortfall in 3 successive years in
the IMP could be absorbed by overtime. Ideally, the 3 man-
years should be provided by additional positions.
7. If overtime were not allowed, a decision at a level
above ORI would have to be made that the deadline could be
extended.
8. If 13 additional positions were allocated to ORI for
Geographic Research and IMP, the manpower could be recruited
in about a year.

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